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Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Acting Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 314X), Norfolk Southern Railway  
Company – Abandonment in Latrobe, Westmoreland County, PA

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

The Latrobe Foundation and the Latrobe-Unity Parks and Recreation Commission have been in negotiations with John Foley, Property Manager, Norfolk Southern Corporation, Pittsburgh regarding the acquisition of the above named parcel for a Public Use/Interim Trail Use condition since October, 2009.

We have been making substantial progress and we are nearing the conclusion of this purchase. Since I last wrote to you Norfolk Southern has completed removing all the rails, ties and other equipment from the corridor and has reconstructed all the road crossings for public use. We have also had the entire property surveyed and had a new property description prepared. We just received the completed drawings and description yesterday. Norfolk Southern is now preparing the Agreement of Sale, which will enable us to move toward closing in the near future.

However, we will not be able to complete an agreement by September 27, 2011. We would like to request another 180 day extension of our time period to reach an agreement. Norfolk Southern has indicated to us that they would be willing to agree to this time extension.

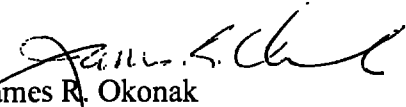
Thank you for your consideration and assistance. We are submitting a copy of this request to Daniel Kruger, Senior General Attorney, Norfolk Southern Corporation, Three Commercial Place, Norfolk, Virginia 23510-2191.

Respectfully submitted,



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Executive Director, Latrobe-Unity Parks and Recreation Commission



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cc: Mr. Daniel Kruger, Senior General Attorney, Norfolk Southern Corporation  
Mr. John H. Foley, Property Manager, Norfolk Southern Corporation